

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER: Provides for fees for Medical Necessity Review Organization licenses and filing of annual reports

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1124(A)(introductory paragraph) and 1138(D), to enact R.S.

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22:821(B)(28), and to repeal R.S. 22:1125, relative to fees collected by the

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commissioner of insurance; to provide relative to fees collected for Medical

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Necessity Review Organization licenses; to provide for a fee for filing of annual

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reports of Medical Necessity Review Organizations; to delete the requirement that

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Medical Necessity Review Organization licenses are subject to biannual renewal and

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associated fees; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 22:1124(A)(introductory paragraph) and 1138(D) are hereby

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amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:821(B)(28) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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§821. Fees

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The following fees and licenses shall be collected in advance:

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B. By the commissioner of insurance:

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(28) Medical Necessity Review Organization

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(a) Licensing fee . . . . . \$ 1,500.00

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(b) Annual report filing fee . . . . . \$ 500.00

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§1124. Procedure for application to act as an MNRO

A. Any applicant for licensure other than a health insurance issuer shall submit an application to the commissioner and pay the initial licensure fee specified in ~~R.S. 22:1125(D)~~. R.S. 22:821. The application shall be on a form and accompanied by any supporting documentation required by the commissioner and shall be signed and verified by the applicant. The information required by the application shall include but need not be limited to the following:

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§1138. External review register

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D.(1) The MNRO shall submit to the commissioner, at least annually, a report in the format specified by the commissioner. The report shall include the following for each health insurance issuer and health benefit plan:

~~(1)~~ (a) The total number of requests for external review.

~~(2)~~ (b) The number of requests for external review resolved and their resolution.

~~(3)~~ (c) A synopsis of actions being taken to correct problems identified.

(2) At the time of filing its annual report, the MNRO shall pay a filing fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 22:821.

Section 2. R.S. 22:1125 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for fees for Medical Necessity Review Organization licenses and filing of annual reports.

Present law provides for biannual licensing of Medical Necessity Review Organizations (MNROs) with the fee for initial licensing and the fee for renewal of licensure each set at \$1,500. Further requires an annual report of MNROs with which no fee is associated.

Proposed law deletes the requirement for annual renewal and its associated fee of \$1,500 and instead provides for a licensing fee of \$1,500 and an annual report filing fee of \$500 for MNROs.

(Amends R.S. 22:1124(A)(intro. para.) and 1138(D); Adds R.S. 22:821(B)(28); Repeals R.S. 22:1125)